

first step and we need to get to it very quickly so that we have these things and these relationships in place for the future. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the closing and the question is the advancement of LB 1019 to E & R Initial. All in favor of that motion please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 1019.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 1019 is advanced. The A bill, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1019A offered by Senator Johnson. (Read title)

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.) Senator Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, the A bill more adequately reflects the costs of this particular program. I think the A bill calls for \$300,000 to be spent on this particular idea. That is down from what the fiscal note had originally reflected. I think Senator Ashford commented that maybe we need to put more money into this particular program than what is originally designated here, but I guess, for the time being, I'd just like to get the concept rolling and then see where we go from there because, as many have commented here, this is a long-term investment. This is not something that is going to reap immediate benefits to the state and we're going to have to be willing to give it time to grow and to nurture opportunities for Nebraska businesses that we currently don't have and we need to get in that business of being competitive with other states which have foreign trade offices and are exploiting the opportunities that are out there that we have simply let go by since we have no visible or very limited, very, very limited presence in the global economy. So I would just move the A bill to Select File.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall LB 1019A be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 1019A.